



NEWLAITHES NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS INTRODUCTION

It is lovely to welcome new faces to our school and nursery. The children in their new year groups are doing well and our former pupils are giving us big smiles and waves as they walk past each day. We are excited for another year together. We hope you find the information included in our newsletter useful. We hope to bring you some exciting news on our new website very soon. Watch this space!



Be Happy. Learn. Be Proud.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These will take place after school on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October**, from 3.30pm – 6.00pm.



The main purpose of this meeting will be to talk about how your child has settled into their new class, what they are working on and how you can help them at home. Nursery and reception classes will send information on Evidence Me. Lists will go up outside school for Y1 & Y2 parents to book their appointments on **Monday the 29th September**.

HEALTH & SAFETY – help us keep our children safe

Please don't bring cars onto school grounds unless you are collecting an ill child during the day.

Thank you to the Royal Scot and St.Luke's for allowing parking in the morning and afternoon. Families are welcome to use either.



We are sure that you would feel frustrated if you were delayed/unable to attend an important medical appointment. Please do not park in the doctors' surgery. We have already had complaints from the surgery that patients could not park due to parents parking there. **The doctor's surgery carpark is for PATIENTS not parents.**

Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

Jewellery isn't permitted in school. This includes earrings

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are holding our harvest festival at St Luke's on Wednesday



15th October at 9.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to join us and if you can help us walk the children over that's even better!

We are asking for voluntary donations of tins and packets of food for the food bank at St Luke's and St Barnabas. There is no pressure on anyone to make a donation – there are no tick lists to make sure everyone has donated!

If you can help us walk the children over please let your child's teacher know. Thank you.

STARTING SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child is due to start school in September 2026 applications can now be made online at [Apply for a reception place | Cumberland Council](#) We are holding an open evening for our Reception and Nursery on **2nd October at 5pm**. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

We'll be holding Halloween discos on **Thursday 23rd October**. Tickets, costing £3 will include drinks and biscuits.

Nursery & reception children 4pm-5pm
Y1 & Y2 children 5:15pm-6:15pm

Tickets will available to buy from the school office from **Monday 29th September**.

Fancy dress optional!



READING AT HOME

Children learn best when we work together. Reading is probably the best example of this. We are asking you to read with your child at home at least five times every week – and it can be such a special time together.

Our library is an extra special place which we have worked hard to develop for our community. We open our library for children to choose a book after school on Friday. You are very welcome to bring your child to borrow a book (or five!).



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in reception, year one and year two are currently eligible for universal free school meals. This is different to 'free school meals' that attracts additional funding for your child in school. This funding allows us to offer your child a free after school club place, subsidised trips, holiday activities and other benefits if you are eligible.

Do I qualify for **free school meals** and school clothing vouchers?

If you think you may be eligible you can apply online at [Free school meals, clothing vouchers and activities | Cumberland Council](#)



MANNERS 24

Two years ago our children came up with a manners party to celebrate excellent behaviour. Any adult working in school can give a child a good manners card if they earn it. Each half term 24 names are picked out to take part in a Manners 24 party. Our next party is on **Thursday 16th October at 2pm**, so there's time to get plenty of cards in our golden bowl!

CHRISTMAS AT NEWLAITHES

As a rule, we like to keep Christmas until after Halloween. However we know you will be excited as families to know dates so please see the dates and information below.

For those of you new to school, each year group performs a Nativity story or other festive show. **Every child receives two tickets to their performance and you'll need to bring your tickets with you.** Unfortunately, we can't fit in any more than two adults per child. Tickets will come attached to a letter in November

We've signed up to the wonderful Reindeer Run again this year, to raise funds for the Jigsaw Children's Hospice. We have raised fantastic amounts before and the children have been so proud of what their and your kindness can achieve. You will receive further information nearer the event, which will take place on **Friday 5th December** – you are all welcome to join us. Children wear uniform and are provided with antlers. Grown ups can dress as festive as they want to!!! Ho Ho Ho



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Week beginning 22nd After School Clubs begin

October

Thursday 2nd Open evening Nursery and 2026 Reception classes
Tuesday 14th Parents' evening
Wednesday 15th Parents' evening
Wednesday 15th 9.30am Harvest Festival
Wednesday 22nd Nasal Flu Vaccines
Thursday 23rd Halloween discos
Friday 24th 3.15pm Finish for half-term

November

Monday 3rd School reopens
Monday 10th Year 1 Open Afternoons*
Tuesday 11th Year 1 Open Afternoons*
Wednesday 12th Year 1 Open Afternoons*
Friday 28th Non-uniform day – voluntary raffle prize/chocolate donation

* Year 1 Parents will receive allocated afternoons. These are set by school. Thank you.

December

Friday 12th 9:20am Reindeer Run
Monday 8th 2.30pm Reception classes nativity
Tuesday 9th 2.30pm Year 1 classes nativity
Wednesday 10th am Nursery performance and party
Wednesday 10th Christmas lunch – Festive clothes optional
Thursday 11th 2.30pm Year 2 nativity
Tuesday 16th Christmas raffle
Tuesday 16th Year 2 Party
Wednesday 17th Year 1 Party
Thursday 18th pm Reception Party
Friday 19th 1.15pm Finish for Christmas break

ONE MORE NEW COMMUNITY MEMBER

Just to let all families know, Miss Sibley welcomed baby Emmie into the world in August. Although she was a little later than expected, Miss Sibley and her family are absolutely thrilled. I'm sure you will join us all in wishing her huge congratulations.

